Focus



A national touring exhibit featuring Big Bird and the other favorite characters from Sesame Street is coming to the Portland Children's Museum.

Sesame Street Interaction

Kids to join favorite characters

seum will present "Can You Tell Me How to Get To Sesame kids can see themselves on TV characters.

You can sing the alphabet with Elmo, count with The Count and museum located across from the 17 through Sunday, May 29.

Kids and adults will experi- museum.org.

Everyone loves to watch ence the set with the famous Sesame Street, but it is twice the brownstone façade of 123 fun when you get to be part of the Sesame Street, can climb into Big Bird's nest, then skip across The Portland Children's Mu- the playground and learn to play the steel drums.

An historical timeline lends per-Street," using television's spective of what was happening chroma-key technology so local in the United States when Sesame Street launched, introduced charalongside their favorite Muppet acters and grappled with social

Admission: general \$7, seniors and military \$6, children under 1 learn Spanish with Rosita at the and museum members admitted free. For information, call Oregon Zoo on Saturday, Dec. 503-223-6500 or visit www.portlandchildrens

Linda Hornbuckle

Soul Diva Performs Sunday

Linda Hornbuckle, the Northwest's "Diva of Soul" will perform a Christmas Show live with the Janice Scroggins Duo at Mississippi Studios, 3939 N. Mississippi Ave. on Sunday, Dec.18 starting at 6 p.m. Cover charge is \$12.

Hornbuckle has one of the most beautiful and powerful blues, jazz and soul voices in the Pacific Northwest. Both acts are electrifying and have the ability to move their audiences emotionally and spiritually to a point

where the performance becomes a magical musical experience.

Also, the venue Jimmy Mak's in northwest Portland will ring in the New Year with Hornbuckle performing on Saturday, Dec. 31st, starting at 9 p.m. Cover charge is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. For more information call 503-295-6542.

Dear Deanna! I'm a teen and I think I've realized I want to be gay. I'm not attracted to boys and find myself watching girls and thinking about them. All of my other friends are gay and I'm becoming the same way. No one in my family is gay and my mother wouldn't understand because she's a Christian. Am I stuck with a future that's making me gay or do I

Dear Confused:

Linda J. Scott Owner

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fused; Memphis, Tenn.

You still have milk behind your ears and don't need to think about being with a girl or boy at this stage in your life. You're caught up in peer pressure and are leaning towards what the rest of the crowd is doing. You're not gay. You're just a teen acceptance. Focus on your spiri-

have a chance to have a normal

marriage and have kids? -- Con-

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and soon be on to other things.

Dear Deanna!

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with confusion and the need for I have a boyfriend that I'm in love I've never been a fan of an advice askdeannal@yahoo.com or 264 tual relationship, educational goals ship, and he's great. I'm a pastor's and hobbies that'll help you grow kid, and my boyfriend is a gang

member. He doesn't understand how hurt I am because he is heading down the wrong path. I know that God has to do the rest, but should I hang on? -- Anonymous; On-Line Reader

Dear Anonymous:

You could be the child of a pastor, a banker, a drunk or a fool and the get involved with gang activity because bullets, drive-by shootings and gang wars don't foundation and teaching, you know the way and if your boyfriend refuses this path, you can only pray for him. You should hang on to your faith and strong prayer and let action and keep it moving. go and let God do the rest.

Dear Deanna!

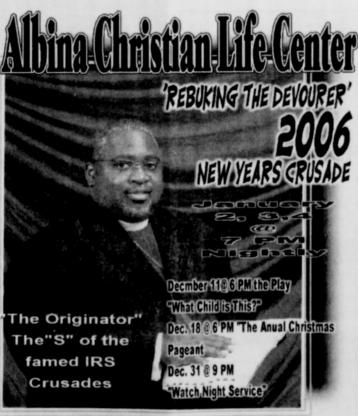
with. We're in a serious relation- column. I started reading your col- S. LaCienega Blvd. Suite 1283 umn a year ago in Denver and now Beverly Hills, CA 90211. Website: I'm hooked. Your advice is so real www.askdeanna.com

because you tell people what they need to hear and not what they want to hear. I only hope they take your advice and not get mad because you didn't side with them. I look forward to reading your next issues. -- Anthony Jackson

Dear Anthony:

answer would be the same. Don't Thank you so much for the support. Life, people and places are real and words of wisdom and advice should be the same. At the end of discriminate. With your church the day, people can't handle the truth and would prefer feel good honesty which is simply a lie. When you think about it people should get mad, get pumped and then take

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